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attention to points that may be weak and enable them to be strengthened, and not only that, but for many other reasons which it is impossible to

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If my recollection serves me right, in August last a requisition was sent to the Secretary of State for a very considerable increase of the public Works staff. Until we have received an increase I fear the same unsatisfactory state

things will continue. I believe that the Survey General and those very few who are satisfied with him are doing all that is possible, but unfortunately more men it is necessary to have. We are seriously undermanned. I have informed the Secretary of State and I only hope we may get some substitute relief in the course of a few months. We cannot get such men here. Apparently we cannot get understanding or confidence from the public. It seems to me to be getting them for the last years in the Public Works department the purpose of supplying private firms after the other leaves us, and now I think that another, on less than a full basis, to the Secretary of State, my representations to Chadwick and the assistance he will require for the Survey of the water to be turned into an going body of the State, or fourth time, will be the best way for the Survey by telegram to comply with the regulation made several months ago. I am doing my best to get the officers to carry out this list of public works, nearly as much as they can, but I am not sure that a better result is required. If we get the state have every confidence in the Surveyor-General to believe that the works will be carried within a reasonable time, but without the increased staff I can give very little delay that has resulted in the past. As to the reduction of station, I have thought over that subject for some time, and I would have been glad to have been justified in providing for it this year, many considerations have been taken into account now. In the first place of making a reduction of staff. In the first place we have got the maximum recommendation that the salaries of officers should be increased, which will cost a very considerable sum. In the next place, the excessive expenditure of the last year, which has been completely corrupted with regard to the

Then we have a large amount of public works. If my suggestion had been adopted for raising a loan, it is quite clear that with our large expenditure of revenue over expenditure, it would not be necessary to reduce considerably the taxation.

the Colony; but for some reason or other it is very strong reluctance on the part of Majesty's Government to approve of a loan we have to do out of income, what most people do not understand, is that it is not a question of the balance of reducing taxation. The present moment is a very inopportune. We have this large bill of public works to do, and we have a large increase to permanent expenditure in prospect for the next year, and I think it will be a very important increased contribution. With all these confuses I think it would be a very rash proposal to reduce the taxation, because it would affect the great probability of having to raise it in the next year, I confess I saw no reason, however high certain of the public works, especially



**HON. A. P. MACGOWEN**—I have no objection to my own experience than that of the other agents who are buying in the Colonies. I am not at all acquainted with the Crown Agents buying in the Colonies. My own experience is that we can get good articles and at a reasonable price.

**HON. A. P. MACGOWEN**—You have no means of knowing how they go to work at home? Do you put the requirements up to tender or do you contract through a manufacturer and say, "I want such and such an article, and I will give you so much money?"

**THE SURVEYOR-GENERAL**—I can reply to that from actual knowledge. I can say the contracts are put out to tender. That I know matter of fact.

**HON. A. P. MACGOWEN**—Every Indian sent home here would be put up to tender?

**THE CAPTAIN-SUPERINTENDENT OF POLICE**—Every Indian, because very often goods are sent to him by contractors to make sure that we have already received.

**THE SURVEYOR-GENERAL**—I was speaking of large requisitions in connection with the works. They are put out to tender for the purchase of certain quantities of iron plate or a quantity of Portland cement—it is put up to tender in the ordinary way.

**HON. A. P. MACGOWEN**—You have no knowledge as to what remuneration they receive for their services?

**THE SURVEYOR-GENERAL**—The Crown Agents do not pay them anything. They are salaried from the Government.

**HON. A. P. MACGOWEN**—But the Colonial Secretary tells us they get \$3,000.

**THE SURVEYOR-GENERAL**—That, I take it, is contribution from the Colony towards the expenditure.

**THE COLONIAL SECRETARY**—The Crown Agents' office is a big place like a bank.

**THE SURVEYOR-GENERAL**—Yes, but the people who work there are few. It is the work of the Colony so much and these contributions from the colonies go to pay the home Government for expenses incurred in connection with the office.

**HON. A. P. MACGOWEN**—And not to anyone individually?

**THE SURVEYOR GENERAL**—Certainly all the salaries in the Crown Agents' office are in the hands of the home Government. The salaries are paid by commission.

**THE CHAIRMAN**—The only sort of information I can add to that is that some time ago the Colonial Secretary had a committee appointed to inquire into the remuneration they ask for tenders in which they say they decline to trade with any except on the most favourable terms, that is, if the usual business conditions apply. At any rate, they have got them on those terms the Crown Agents have no further dealings with them. They obtain, from whom, wholesale prices from every person with whom they deal.

This was then put to rest.

**THE GOVERNMENT PRINTING.**

Under the heading of "Miscellaneous Services" the following sums appeared:—

Printing Government Gazette	\$3,600
Printing Estimates	75
Bond Printing	650
Printing forms and documents for all Departments	10,900
Total	5,080

**HON. P. BYRNE** said he regretted to see that at a cost of printing still continued at a very high price. The cost of printing the Government Gazette was very large. Altogether the cost of printing was more than a matter of \$30,000.

**THE CHAIRMAN**—Well, printing is naturally expensive, and it tends to become more expensive.

**HON. P. BYRNE**—The question is, cannot we get it done cheaper? Printing forms and documents, \$10,000; then stationery for offices and printing, \$30,000.

**THE CHAIRMAN**—That is done in the Gaol.

**HON. P. BYRNE**—Could not it be done for less?

**THE CHAIRMAN**—Well, the question has often been mooted.

**HON. A. P. MACGOWEN**—How does the amount of printing compare with other departments?

**THE CHAIRMAN**—There is no change. But let me give you an example, the printing of Dr. Oshrook's returns was discontinued on account of his being asked to come to New Zealand. He went forward and thinks they ought to be printed. It is so difficult to meet every one's wishes!

**THE ACTING COLONIAL TREASURER**—"Hon. member," you ought to say, I reserved approval." **HON. P. BYRNE**—It was suggested they should be printed in a condensed form.

The vote was then passed.

**LOSS IN EXCHANGE.**

**THE CHAIRMAN** said there was an item of £1,700 for loss in exchange. This has been used for the last year. This amount was gradually disappearing as the number of officers who had a right to remit at a fixed rate decreased.

**THE CAPTAIN-SUPERINTENDENT OF POLICE**—Considering the loss in exchange, "loss exchange" it ought to be "rectification of value."

The vote passed.

**LAW REVISION.**

Under the heading of "Miscellaneous Services" an item of \$2,000 for "Law Revision" appeared.

**HON. A. P. MACGOWEN** asked if the work in connection with this was nearly completed. He thought "law revision" was just about to come out on the same subject.

**THE CHAIRMAN**—Well, revising law is an endless task, but a great deal has been done. The Attorney-General will be just about to submit it to the Council. Is this going to be an anti-law vote?

**THE CHAIRMAN**—No, because when the law is brought to a certain standard of edification it will be a great relief to the public. By consolidating the statutes of Ordinances which have accumulated for the last forty years. I would speak as a member of the Committee, but prefer to speak as a member of the financial officer. The Attorney-General has had an ample reason for the money expended. It is true all the Ministers and Commissions are subject to the same difficulty; you cannot get the members together; you cannot get the members together; and, and that probably all of them on the days they did not attend had more important engagements. It cannot be wondered at that there was no attendance. There was an immense number of members of whose work had been very great.

**HON. A. P. MACGOWEN**—You speak of revenue. When was the last return?

**THE CHAIRMAN**—I don't think there have been any returns. The return is really the Ordinances that come up. No formal report is necessary, because the work has been manifested the Ordinances laid on the table, and if you find any error in the return, you may amend it. In the case of Ordinances have been consolidated. In the case of law incorporated in them, and a complete copy of the Ordinances is laid before you. I repeat in hand; in fact it is very slow.

**HON. P. MACGOWEN**—Who are the members now?

**THE ACTING ATTORNEY-GENERAL** said the members at present in the Colony were the Acting Attorney-General, Mr. Francis (the Attorney-General), Mr. Akeroyd, and Mr. Stokes; himself as Secretary.

**HON. A. P. MACGOWEN**—What is the sum included in it?

**THE CHAIRMAN**—The Secretary's salary and of a clerk; and for a great part of last year the salary was increased and the clerk was dismissed. With the whole sum has been put up to provide for it if it is wanted, but under some circumstances it will not be all spent in a year. It was a question of payment in advance of \$2,000 for the amount of work actually done.

The item was then passed, and the other items under "Miscellaneous Services" were passed without discussion.

**MILITARY EXPENDITURE.**

**THE CHAIRMAN** said the proposed this vote was passed without remark.

**HON. A. P. MACGOWEN**—I believe there is a small Gun Corps being started. Is there any provision for that?

**THE CHAIRMAN**—I have not heard.

**HON. A. P. MACGOWEN**—Does this \$3,000 for uniforms include it?

**THE CHAIRMAN**—I imagine it does; I have not heard.

**HON. C. F. CRATER**—No expense has been included yet. They are trying to raise the Maxim gun from private sources.

The vote was passed.

**INTEREST ON LOAN.**

This vote was passed after some homely remarks from the Chairman. The Chairman said having apparently escaped the memory of members.

**CENTRAL MARKET, \$50,000.**

**HON. A. P. MACGOWEN**—I alluded to this the day and got no very definite answer from the market committee. I am sorry to hear that the market is not going to be built on the site that is at present levelled off, and I should be obliged if I could get a definite answer







territory will develop rapidly.

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SIAM.

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BANGKOK.

We learn through a friend of Mr. F. B. Mitchell that that gentleman has been granted a further three months' extension of leave, and is therefore not expected out here until January next.

Mr. Henry Norman, the special Commissioner for the Pull Mutt Caves, was received in audience by H. R. H. Prince Dewawongse, the Foreign Minister, on the 15th ult. One of the Royal eugeniens and a Foreign Officer to the Palace, went to conduct Mr. Norman to the Palace.

We had a spell of cold weather lately in Bangkok lasting about a week, the thermometer in the early mornings registering sometimes as low as 68° Fahrenheit. The temperature has risen a little within the last three or four days, but it is still very pleasant.

We hear that several arrests have been made by the Siamese authorities at Chienkung of persons connected with the late disturbances there, and that the trials of the prisoners are being proceeded with. We have not heard whether any judgments have been given or the charges, or any sentences pronounced upon the accused, but we trust they will be leniently dealt with. The Chinese gatekeepers whose exorbitant demands were the cause of the disturbances should be severely reprimanded.—Siam Gazette.